comparison with the other countries on the number of unregistered children is not possible. Currently about 49,630 births are reportedly being registered out of the estimated 71,964 births that take place every day in the country.

(c) and (d) The main reasons for low registration, inter alia, are lack of coordination among the implementing departments, low priority accorded to registration and general apathy in many States, lack of awareness about the need and importance of registration to general public, insufficient allocation of funds by the State Governments etc. In order to improve the level of registration in the country, the Central Government has been providing financial assistance to States for publicity to create awareness, campaign to clear backlog of issuance of birth certificates, capacity building through training of civil registration functionaries, preservation of civil registration records, infrastructure support for computerization and manpower support to the laggard States at the Chief Registrar's office.

Communication constraints in tackling naxal menace

2806. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are communication constraints in facing Naxal menace in remote areas;

(b) whether there is a proposal to equip the paramilitary and other forces with satellite phones for better communication; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and time frame for implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Security forces have effective wireless communication (Very High Frequency-VHF & High Frequency-HF), however, lack of mobile connectivity in some remote areas is a constraint. Under the ongoing scheme of modernization of Police Forces, satellite phones have been provided to the security forces operating in naxal affected areas. Department of Telecom facilitates the acquisition of satellite phones on priority to the security forces.

Incidents of firing in border areas

2807. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that recently there has been an incidence of firing from the side of Pakistan in the border areas of India and heavy weapons were used;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken up matter with Government of Pakistan;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether there has been incidences of violation of ceasefire also; and